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Description
This folder consists of undated letters from William Leslie Edison (1878-1937), primarily to his stepmother, Mina Miller Edison. There are also a few letters to Thomas Edison and to Madeleine and Charles Edison, the inventor's children from his second marriage. Some of the letters were written while William was attending Trinity Preparatory School in Staten Island during the years 1894-1897. One contains a notation by Edison: "Wm Your spelling makes me faint." Also included are letters written from Yale University, which William attended during the fall of 1897. The last letter, probably dating from the fall of 1898, was written shortly after William returned from Puerto Rico, where he served in the First New York Regiment of Volunteer Engineers during the Spanish-American War.

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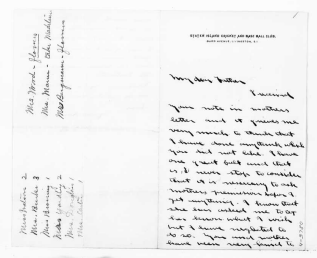

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[FD004A01] Letter, 1894-1897

Title
[FD004A01] Letter, 1894-1897

Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned

- Ogden Ore Separating Plant
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Date
1894-1897

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE personality and character
- Finances (TAE and family)

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Mrs. Prime 2
Mrs. Bender 3
Miss Fleming 1
Mrs. Yardley 2
Mrs. Douglass 1
Mrs. Carter 1

Mrs. Mrod - Flowers
Mrs. Mann - Take Madeline
MRS Benjamin - Flowers

STATEN ISLAND CRICKET AND BASE BALL CLUB,
BARD AVENUE, LIVINGSTON, S.I.

4-3780

My dear Father

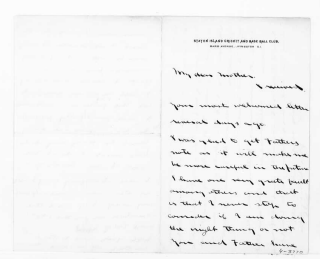
I received your note in mothers letter and it grieves me very much to think that I have done anything which you did not like. I have one great fault and that is, I never stop to consider that it is necessary to ask mothers permission before I get anything. I know that she has asked me to get her lemon. what I wish but I have neglected to do so. You and mother have been very kind to

me and don't you a
moment hesitate to think
that I don't appreciate it
I am glad you wrote the
note now as it will make
me be more careful in
the future.

Wishing you a successful
week at the mine I will
close.

Your son

Will



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[FD004A02] Letter, 1897-1898

Title
[FD004A02] Letter, 1897-1898

Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Trinity Preparatory School
- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1897-1898

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Clubs and societies
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Education
- Health and medicine

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BARD AVENUE, LIVINGSTON S.I.

My dear mother.

I received

your most welcomed letter

several days ago.

I was glad to get Fathers

note as it will make me

be more careful in the future

I have one very great fault

among others and that

is that I never stop to

consider if I am doing

the right thing or not

You and Father know

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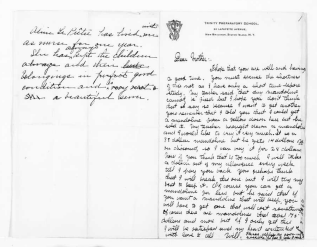
been very kind to me
and I appreciate it very
much and it greatly
annoys me to know
that I have done wrong
I will be more careful
in the future and which
I can faithfully promise
to do. You are very
kind to pay my club
dues and I don't see
how I can thank you
I am studying very hard
as the exams are approach-
-ing every day and the
examen is on the 1st, 2nd
and 3rd of April
Will you send that
brother of mine down

to the cabinet, for the trimmers has
the machine been doing since all him
I am very glad to learn that machine
is well again, I thought it must that
Chaney had it too. but in looking at
your letter a second time I learn
that I was mistaken
I thank you much for the
machine by allowance. Let him that
I will pay and insure and that some
day the will have come to be proud of mi
Give my love to all
Your loving son
Will



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[FD004A03] Letter, 1894-1897

Title
[FD004A03] Letter, 1894-1897

Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Trinity Preparatory School

Date
1894-1897

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Education
- Music

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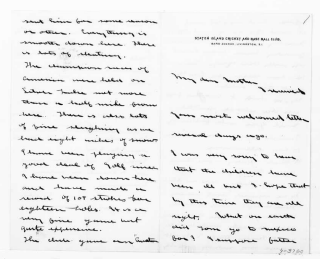
Alice Le Petit has lived with me as nurse for one year. She has always kept the children and their belongings in perfect good condition and is a beautiful sewer.

TRINITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL,
52 LAFAYETTE AVENUE,
NEW BRIGHTON, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Dear Mother:.

I hope that you are well and having a good time. You must excuse the shortness of this not as I have only a short time before study. My teacher said that any mandoline cannot be fixed but I hope you don't think that so say so because I want to get another you remember that I told you that I could get a mandoline from a fellow down here but he sold it. My teacher wants to get down a mandoline and I would like to buy it very much. It is a 38 dollar mandoline but he gets 14 dollars off on discount, so I can buy it for 24 dollars. Now if you think that is too much I will take a dollar out of my allowance every week till I pay you back. You perhaps think that I will break this one but I will try my best to keep it. Of course you can get a mandoline for less but he said that if you want a mandoline that will keep you will have to get one that will cost something. Of course there are mandolines that cost 75 dollars and more but if I only get this I will be satisfied and my heart contented with love to all Will.

Please reply as soon as possible. We have a letter a week.



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[FD004A04] Letter, January 1895

Title
[FD004A04] Letter, January 1895

Editor's Notes
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Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Trinity Preparatory School
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Coit, Henry Augustus
- Hawkins, John M
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1895-01-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Sports, leisure, recreation
- Clubs and societies
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Health and medicine

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sent him for some reason or other. Everything is smooth down here. There is lots of skating.

The champion races of America were held on Silver Lake not more than a half mile from here. There is also lots of fine sleighing as we had eight inches of snow. I have been playing a good deal of golf since I have been down here and have made a record. Of 107 strokes for eighteen holes. It is a very fine game but quite expensive.

The club game was Princeton

STATEN ISLAND CRICKET AND BASE BALL CLUB,
BARD AVENUE, LIVINGSTON, S.I.

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My dear Mother I received your most welcomed letter several days ago.

I was very sorry to hear that the children have been ill but I hope that by this time they are all right. What on earth did Tom go to Mexico for? I suppose Father

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Opera" last night and it went off in grand style. Nearly all of the Hawkins family have been laid up with the "grip" Mrs H. has been ill for the last two weeks.

Mr. H has had it but he kept up the school nevertheless.

Will you ask Father if I might have an increase to my allowance.

I have many more things now to buy for such as golf Balls Washing shirts to be repaired and many other things. And I hope that by this time that you have enough confidence in me to know that I do not spend my money foolishly

I am getting older and forsee how to take care of it.

Well changing the subject I received a very nice letter from Dr Coit and he wants me to come back He wants me to come up during the Easter holidays and visit him.

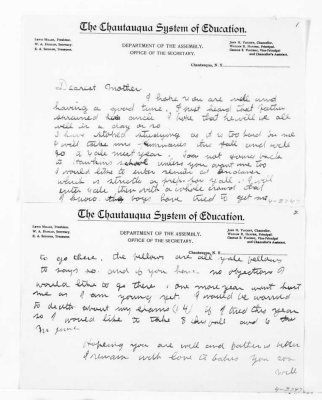
He asked me to remember him to you.

Well I will close now as I have a caller coming.

Give my love to all

Your loving son

Will.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Dearest Mother

If there's no one else with us having a good time, I just heard that Mina Sarrames has arrived. I have that I will be able to go there. One more year won't hurt me as I am young yet. I would be worried to death about my dearest if I was there so I would like to take a journal and 6 other [illegible]

Hoping you are well and feeling better I remain with love to Father, Tom and Mother

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Editor's Notes
Supplied year and month

Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Yale University
- Chautauqua Institution
- Trinity Preparatory School
- Hawkins, John M
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1895-08-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- TAE health
- Education

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William R. Harper, Principal.
George E. Vincent, Vice-Principal
and Chancellor's Assistant.

Chautauqua, N. Y. _____

Dearest Mother.

I hope you are well and having a good time. I just heard that father strained his ankle I hope that he will be all well in a day or so

I have stopped studying as it is too hard for me I will take my Examines this fall and will go a yale next year. I am not going back to Hawkins school unless you want me to I would like to enter senior at Andover which is strictly a prep. for yale. I will enter yale then with a whole class that I know. the boys have tried to get me

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John H. Vincent, Chancellor,
William R. Harper, Principal.
George E. Vincent, Vice-Principal
and Chancellor's Assistant.

Chautauqua, N. Y. _____

to go there. the fellows are all yale fellows to says so. and if you have no objections I would like to go there, one more year won't hurt me as I am young yet. I would be worried to death about my exams (14) if I tried this year so I would like to take 8 hrs fall and 6 hrs Xmas

Hopeing you are well and father is better I remain with love to babies you soon

Well

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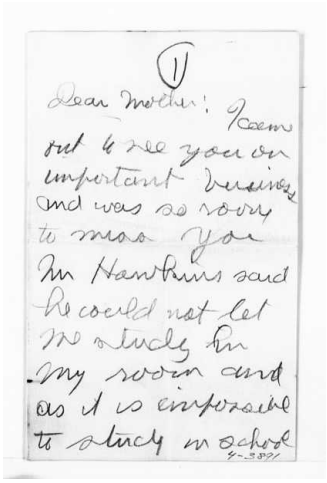

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Title
[FD004A06], Letter from William Leslie Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, October 1895

Editor's Notes
Supplied year and month

Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Yale University
- Trinity Preparatory School
- Hawkins, John M

Date
1895-10-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Education

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Dear Mother: I came
out to see you on
important business
and was so sorry
to miss You
Mr Hawkins said
he could not let
me study for
my exam and
as it is impossible
to study in school
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It is no more than
letting me go to a
public school
as I go down there.
Frank Hatton
who came out this
afternoon with
me is also
going to leave
because he can't
study either in his
room

room (2) I will
wait for you to
write Mr Hatton
and if he will let
me study in my
room where he
would have to
sit all the boys
do so two.

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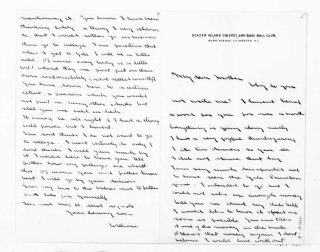
(4)

as she ~~is~~ is
desireous to go
to Yale he is
going to another
place.
Hoping to hear from
you I remain
your son
Will.



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[FD004A07] Letter, 1895-1896

Title
[FD004A07] Letter, 1895-1896

Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Yale University
- Trinity Preparatory School
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1895-1896

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Clubs and societies
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Education

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STATEN ISLAND CRICKET AND BASE BALL CLUB,
BARD AVENUE, LIVINGSTON, S.I.

My dear Mother.

Why do you not write me? I haven't heard a word for you for over a month. Everything is going along nicely I had a very joyful Thanksgiving I ate two dinners so you see I did not starve that day. I was very much disappointed not to have seen the Yale Princeton game. I intended to go but I could not raise up enough money. Will you see about my Club bill I would like to have it stopped as soon as possible. You can take it out of the money in the bank. O there's that money again I don't believe I could live without

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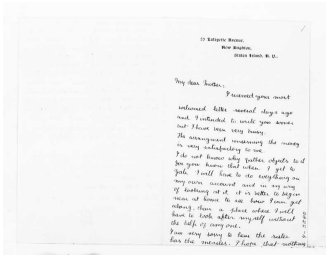
mentioning it. You know I have been thinking lately a thing I very seldom do, that I would rather go in business than go to college. I am positive that when I get to Yale I will be a little wild. Of course every body is a little wild when they are first put on their own responsibility (what spelled correctly) You know, down here, to a certain extent, a freedom which you would not find in many other schools. but still you are held in check.
It would be all right if I had a strong will power but I haven't.
You dont think I do not want to go to college. I most certainly do only I dont think I will gain much by it. I would like to have you tell Father how my feelings are about this. Of course you and Father know best. I will go by your decision
Give my love to the babies and to Father and lets hear yourself.
Mrs and Mrs H. send regards.

Your loving son

Wilbraham.



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Title
[FD004A08] Letter, c. 1896

Editor's Notes
Supplied year

Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Yale University
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Madeleine
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1896-00-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- X-rays

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52 Lafayette Avenue,
New Brighton,
Staten Island, N. Y..

My dear Mother:.

I received your most welcomed letter several days ago and I intended to write you sooner but I have ben very busy.
The arrangment conserning the money is very satisfactory to me.
I do not know why Father objects to it for you know that when I get to Yale I will have to do everything on my own account and in my way of looking at it, it is better to begin near at home to see how I can get along, than a place where I will have to look after myself without the help of any one.
I am very sorry to hear the sister has the measles. I hope that nothing

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serious will come of it. I see by the papers that Father is experimenting on the X rays. Tell him I wish him success. The bill from Brooks is correct I think, you said that you did not think that I needed any shirts, why I did not have a single dress shirt to my name and I have very few colored ones which are not worn out. The cuffs and neck wear out so that it looks rather ragged. Tell that brother of mine that if he does not answer my letters there is going to be no more wasting postage stamps on him.

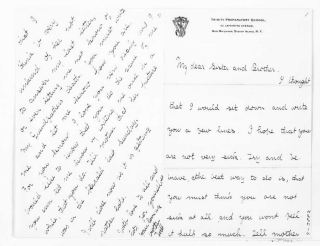
Write soon and tell me how they all are at home.

I will close now as it is getting late (quite an old bluff of mine)

With love to all and to yourself

Lovingly

Will.



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Editor's Notes
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Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient

- Edison, Charles
- Edison, Madeleine

Mentioned

- New York Herald
- Trinity Preparatory School
- Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)
- Edison, Samuel Ogden, (Father)

Date
1896-03-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Deaths and funerals
- Newspapers, books, other publications
- Health and medicine

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TRINITY PREPARATORY SCHOOL,
93 LAFAYETTE AVENUE,
NEW BRIGHTON, STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

My dear Sister and Brother.

I thought that I would sit down and write you a few lines. I hope that you are not very sick. Try and be brave, the best way to do is, that you must think you are not sick at all and you wont feel it half so much. Tell mother

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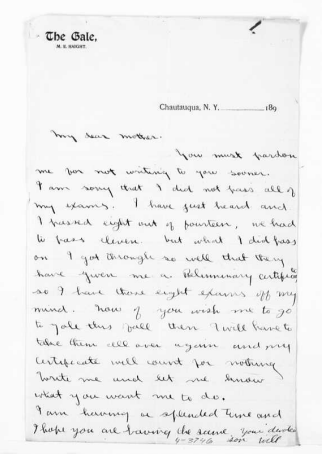

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[FD004A10], Letter from William Leslie Edison to Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.) Edison, July 1896

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Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Yale University
- Chautauqua Institution
- Trinity Preparatory School

Date
1896-07-00

Type
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Subject

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- Education

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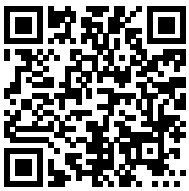

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The Gale,
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My dear mother.

You must pardon me for not writing to you sooner. I am sorry that I did not pass all of my exams. I have just heard and I passed eight out of fourteen, we had to pass eleven. but what I did pass on I got through so well that they have given me a Preliminary certificate so I have those eight exams off my mind. Now if you wish me to go to yale this fall then I will have to take them all over again and my certificate will count for nothing Write me and let me know what you want me to do.

I am having a splendid time and I hope you are having the same. Your devoted son will

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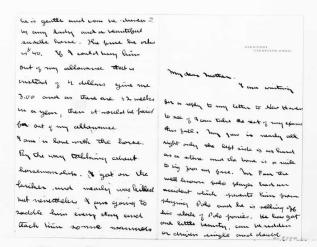

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[FD004A11] Letter, 1896-1897

Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Yale University

Date
1896-1897

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Sports, leisure, recreation
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Education
- Health and medicine

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he is gentle and can be driven 2
by any lady and a beautiful
saddle horse. The price he asks
is $40. If I could buy him
out of my allowance that is
instead of 4 dollars give me
3.00 and as there are 52 weeks
in a year, then it would be paid
for out of my allowance
I am in love with the horse.
By the way obtaining about
horsemanship. I got on the
fractious and nearly was killed
but nevertheless I am going to
saddle him every day and
teach him some manners

GLENMONT
LLEWELLYN PARK

My dear Mother.

I am waiting
for a reply to my letter to New Haven
to see if I can take the rest of my exams
this fall. My jaw is nearly all
right only the left side is as hard
as a stone and the bone is a mile
to big for my face. Mr Fair the
well known polo player had an
accident which prevents him from
playing Polo and he is selling off
his stock of Polo ponies. He has got
one little beauty, can be ridden
or driven single and double

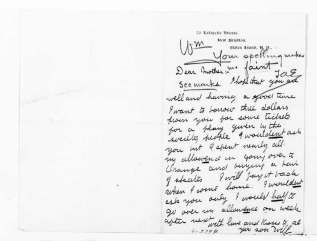
This horse is large enough to drive in a single wagon and you could use him when we get the road wagon he is about the size or a little larger than our Bells horses. Mr Parr Paid $200. for him he is from English stock and a bright class horse. If I could only get him I would go wild with joy. He, Mr Eddy. tells me Parr wanted $100. for him but I said perhaps I would buy it if he would come down $50. He did and now I am waiting your approval.

Write soon as possible as I am excited to know if you think I deserve it It is no extra money from you only out of my allowance.

Give love to all

your devoted Son

Will



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[FD004A12] Letter, 1896-1897

Title
[FD004A12] Letter, 1896-1897

Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1896-1897

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)

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52 Lafayette Avenue,
New Brighton,
Staten Island, N. Y.,

Wm Your opelling makes me faint

Dear Mother:- I AE

See marks I hope that you are well and having a ~~good~~ time I want to borrow three dollars from you for some tickets for a play given by the society people I wouldent ask you but I spent nearly all my allowence in going over to Orange and buying a hair & skates I will pay it back when I come home. I wouldent ask you only I would half to go over my allowence on week after next with love and kisses to all you son Will

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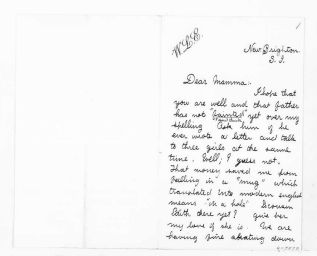

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Title
[FD004A13] Letter, 1896-1897

Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Edison, Edith Clarissa
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1896-1897

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Sports, leisure, recreation
- Finances (TAE and family)

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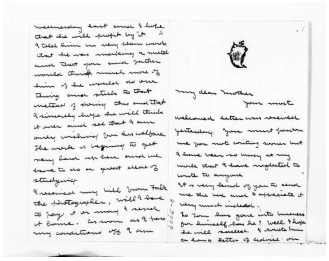
W. L. E.

New Brighton.
S. I.

Dear Mamma:.

I hope that you are well and that father has not "fainted" yet over my spelling (I don't think) Ask him if he ever wrote a letter and talk to three girls at the same time. Well; I guess not. That money saved me from selling in a "mug" which translated into modern english means "in a hole" Is cousin Edith there yet? give her my love if she is. We are having fine skating down

here. One day it rains pitchforks another day it snows, another it thaws and the next, pure skating.
If it won't be or will not be. any trouble I would like to bring some girls (3) over to Orang on Saturday the 4th of Jan. Please do not get anything extra for the lunch. but just set a few more places at the table. I will return the letter for it really makes me sick.
With much love to you and Father, I remain
your son
Will.



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Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Yale University
- Edison (Thomas A.) Jr Electric Lamp Co
- Falk Studio
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1897-00-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Clubs and societies
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Education

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my dear Mother

your most welcomed letter was received yesterday. You must pardon me for not writing sooner but I have been so busy at my work that I have neglected to write to anyone

It is very kind of you to send me the box and I appreciate it very much indeed.

So Tom has gone into business for himself, has he? Well I hope he will succeed. I wrote him a long letter of advice. In

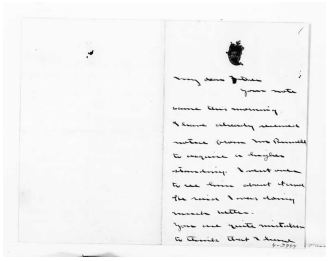
unnecessary cost and I hope that he will profit by it. I told him in very plain words that he was making a mistake and that you and Father would think much more of him if he would do one thing and stick to that instead of doing this and that I sincerely hope he will think it over and see that I am only wishing for his welfare The work is beginning to get very hard up here and we have to do a great deal of studying.

I received my bill from Falk the photographer, will I have to pay it or may I send it home. As soon as I pass my conditions off I am

going to try for some paper undertaken here
I was unable to get in the glee club on account of my conditions, which are a very great drawback to one who wishes to do many things and can't do any.
Have you sent the money to Mrs Rounds and Tunnicliffe yet? She said that she was in very great need of some and as none of the boys have paid her anything except for the time they were in new haven before college opened. You would greatly oblige me if you would tend to the matter as soon as it is convenient for you to do so It is beginning to get very cold here and it is awful hard work to get up at 7.00 in the mornings.
Well mother I will close as I have to go to a lecture in a few minutes
Give my love to the children and to Father and for yourself.

your loving son

Will.



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Editor's Notes
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Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Thomas Alva

Mentioned
Yale University

Date
1897-00-00

Type
Letter

Subject

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- TAE personality and character
- Education

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my dear Father

your note

came this morning.

I have already received

notice from Mr Russell

to acquire a higher

standing. I went over

to see him about it and

the noise I was doing

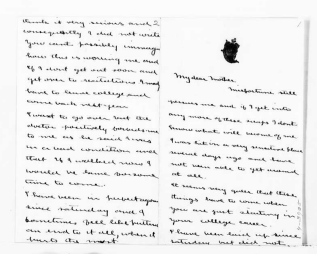
made matters.

You are quite mistaken

to think that I have

not were studying.
I found were studying
most of the time upon
my conditions. which
I dare to bear off before
times. Between those
conditions and my
regular every day work
I found a very busy time
of it. Do you think I'm
up here to have fun?
Do I want to be sent
home because I did
not study? no most
decidedly not. and what
more. I think it were
quite foolish for me

to have written college Essay book at all
Assuming that I had some conditions
I did it because I thought your mother
thinks the letter of me.
Well. I enjoy both your visit very much
indeed and hope you have same pleasure
I will not that you want.
Believe me that I will do my best
to all things possible but not
remember your that my conditions are
one of the greatest cross one can
have while there your sincerely
Lucien



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Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Yale University

Date
1897-00-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Education
- Health and medicine

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thinks it very serious and I consequently I did not write You cant possibly imagine how this is worring me and if I dont get out soon and get over to recitations I may have to leave college and come back next year

I want to go over but the doctor positively forbids me to me as he said I was in a weak condition and that if I walked now I would be laid up some time to come.

I have been in perfect agony since saturday and I sometimes feel like putting an end to it all, when it hurts the most.

My dear Mother

Misfortune still pursues me and if I get into any more of these scrapes I dont know what will become of me. I was hit in a very sensitive place several days ago and have not been able to get around at all.

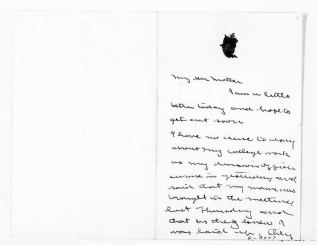
It seems very queer that these things have to come when you are just starting in your college career.

I have been laid up since saturday but did not.

I did not have much time to talk to you when I was in Orange but I want to thank you for everything as I enjoyed it very much and the dinner was simply great.
I look back on that now with greedy eyes as I have to have an diet toast and milk for all meals.
Don't forget to send me the check as soon as possible as I have some bill outstanding which are due today and I can only let the most fastidious bill collectors wait so much.
Will write tomorrow.
Give my love to all and write soon I hope to be out in a few days so don't worry at all. I have a good doctor and he will pull me through all right.

Your loving son

Will



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Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Yale University

Date
1897-00-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison-Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Education
- Health and medicine

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My dear Mother

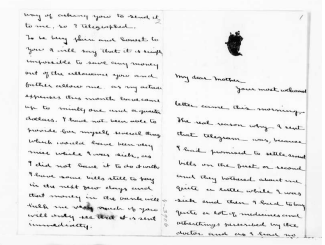
I am a little better today and hope to get out soon

I have no cause to worry about my college work as my dean's office came in yesterday and said that my name was brought in the meeting last Thursday and that as they knew I was laid up, they

would set me straight
the same and that I
could begin work
after Xmas. which
is very good news for
me.
Don't forget to send
me that check book
as I have several
outstanding bills
due very soon and
it will come in handy
and save me a lot
of trouble
I am leaving on another
lonely time now
as I can't get out

Love dear to Lee Bee all else
Give my love to Father and
the children and with
Special remembrance

Your loving son
Neil



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Editor's Notes
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Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Yale University
- Ogden Ore Separating Plant
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1897-00-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Education
- Health and medicine

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My dear Mother

Your most welcomed letter came this morning. The real reason why I sent that telegram was, because I had promised to settle several bills on the first or second and they bothered about me quite a little while I was sick and then I had to buy quite a lot of medicines and other things perscribed by the doctor and as I had no

way of asking you to send it to me, so I telegraphed.

To be very plain and honest to you I will say that it is simply impossible to save any money out of the allowance you and Father allow me as my actual expenses this month have come up to ninty one and a quarter dollars. I have not been able to provide for myself several things which would have been very nice while I was sick, as I did not have it to do it with. I have some bills still to pay in the next few days and that money in the bank will help me very much if you will only see that it is sent immediately.

11-5906

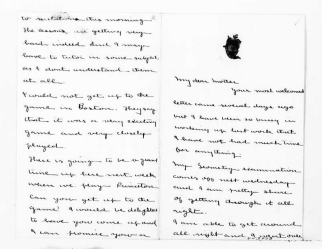
It only seems a pity that the mines are not running yet as everything is at stake till that runs. You and father are discouraged no doubt but I'm on the last stage of abstraction. Here I am, two and a half weeks laid up, poor standing and goodness knows what. But I am still in college and am likely to stay here. They are going to give me a special exam in the subject I am most weak in. I will be down in two weeks and can only promise to stay on clear on so after X mas.

The cause of being laid up this time was a wrenching of the knee and on kicks, my accident, in a very soft part of my person and if it had been much harder it would have laid me up perhaps ten months.

Indeed you will find the bills, they are correct, dont pay the dentist bill till I write as there is some mistake no doubt. Give my love to all and write soon and cheer up your

Devoted son

Will



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Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Yale University
- Ogden Ore Separating Plant
- Edison, Thomas Alva, Jr
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
1897-00-00

Type
Letter

Subject

- Edison–Miller family
- Sports, leisure, recreation
- Finances (TAE and family)
- Education
- Health and medicine

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to recitations this morning 2
The lessons are getting very
hard indeed and I may
have to tutor in some subject
as I dont understand them
at all.

I could not get up to the
game in Boston. They say
that it was a very exciting
game and very closely
played.

There is going to be a grand
time up here next week
when we play Princeton
Can you get up to the
game? I would be delighted
to have you come up and
I can promise you a

My dear Mother

Your most welcomed
letter came several days ago
but I have been so busy in
working up lost work that
I have not had much time
for anything.

My Geometry examination
comes off next wednesday
and I am pretty sure
of getting through it all
right.

I am able to get around
all right and I went over

4-3-03

good time. If you would only come 3
How is father getting on with the
mines!
I sincerely hope that they will be
running before long.
I am now going to write upon
a subject that I dont care much
about doing so but as it is a case
of have to, I must do so.
You know I told you in my
last letter that I didnt see how
I was to get through this month
upon what you sent me.
I am sorry to say that at present
I have not a cent to my name.
I made to borrough nine dollars to
buy a pair of crutches and also
some medicine, for which I have
note paid yet.
There are several things which are
bothering me quite a little and
I dont know what I shall do
There is my ticket to the game

for which I have not paid for yet and will have to do so before long. Now you know mother I dont like to ask for these things but it is a case of necessity and I have to do it.

I see that Tom is doing quite well in the lamp business, but you cant expect much when you have been in the business for such a short time

4-3908

I forgot to thank the dear little babies for the chestnuts they so kindly gathered for me, and you must do it for me now.

We have an examination or at least a review in Physics tomorrow and I am all on tiptoes, I can hardly tell whether I will pass or flunk.

It is without doubt the hardest subject I have ever studied;

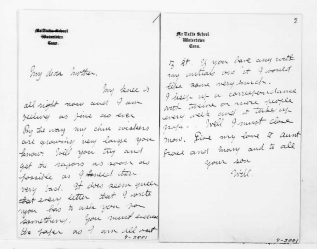
But I am going to

make a big stab at it anyway
well I must close as I have to
get to work on that delightful
stuff and try and get some of it
into my head.

Give my love to the babies and
Bertha and Bee yourself.

your loving son

Will



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Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned
Taft School

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- Edison-Miller family
- Health and medicine

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~~Mr Tufts School~~
~~Watertown~~
~~Conn.~~

My dear brother.

My knee is all right now and I am feeling as fine as ever By the way my chin whiskers are growing very large you know. Will you try and get the razors as soon as possible as I ~~t~~need them very bad. It does seem queer ~~that~~ every letter that I write you has to ask you for something. You must excuse the paper as I am all out

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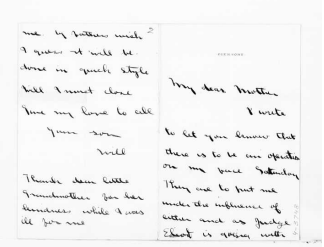
Watertown
Conn.

of it. If you have any with my initials on it I would like some very much.
I keep up a correspondance with twelve or more people every week and it takes up paper. Well I must close now. Give my love to aunt Fred and Mary and to all

your son
Will.



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Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

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- Yale University
- Elliott, Alexander, Jr
- Miller, Mary Valinda (Mrs Lewis)
- Randolph, John F
- Edison, Thomas Alva

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me. by Father wish
I guess it will be.
done in quick style
Well I must close
Give my love to all
Your son
Will

Thank dear little
Grandmother for her
kindness while I was
ill for me

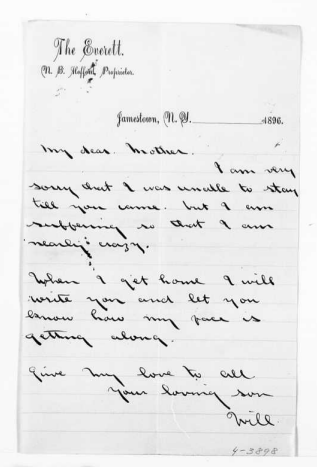
GLENMONT

My dear Mother
I write
to let you know that
there is to be an operation
on me here Saturday
They are to put me
under the influence of
either and as Judge
Elliott is going with

4-3748

how much he
should give me

Do I not get the
same allowance
that I got when
I was in C.
I don't know why
I should not.
I would have stayed
at C only it was
important that I
should come home
write and let
J Randolph know



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The Everett.

N. B. Hofford Proprietor.

Jamestown, N. Y. _____ 1896.

My dear Mother.

I am very sorry that I was unable to stay till you came. but I am suffering so that I am nearly crazy.

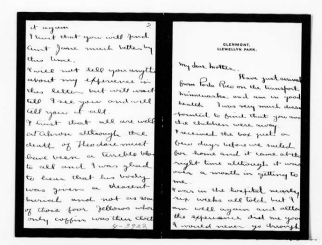
When I get home I will write you and let you know how my face is getting along.

Give my love to all

your loving son

Will.

4-3898



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Author
Edison, William Leslie

Recipient
Edison, Mina Miller (Mrs Thomas A.)

Mentioned

- Miller, Theodore Westwood
- Miller, Jane Eliza
- Edison, Thomas Alva

Date
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Type
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Subject

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it again 2
I trust that you will find
Aunt Jane much better by
this time.
I will not tell you anyth
about my experience in
this letter but will wait
till I see you and will
tell you it all.
I trust that all are well
at Akron although the
death of Theodore must
have been a terrible blo
to all and I was glad
to hear that his body
was given a decent
burial and not as som
of those poor fellows who
only coffin was their clot
4-3922

GLENMONT,
LLEWELLYN PARK.

My dear Mother.

Have just arrived
from Porto Rico on the transport
Minnewaska and am in good
health. I was very much disa
pointed to find that you and
the children were away.
I received the box just a
few days before we sailed
for home and it came at the
right time although it was
over a months in getting to
me.
I was in the hospital nearly
six weeks all told but I
am well again and altho
the experiance did me goo
I would never go through

I am going up to the mines soon to see Father and have a talk with him. My experience in the army has taught me many things from which I hope to ~~for~~ profit by

I would so much like to see you all as I have lot to tell you

Send my love to all

your affectionate Son

Will